

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by  
5 changing Section 12-6.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-6.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 12-6.1)

7 Sec. 12-6.1. Compelling organization membership of  
8 persons.

9 (a) A person who expressly or impliedly threatens to do  
10 bodily harm or does bodily harm to an individual or to that  
11 individual's family or uses any other criminally unlawful  
12 means to solicit or cause any person to join, or deter any  
13 person from leaving, any organization or association  
14 regardless of the nature of such organization or association,  
15 is guilty of a Class 2 felony.

16 Any person of the age of 18 years or older who expressly  
17 or impliedly threatens to do bodily harm or does bodily harm  
18 to a person under 18 years of age or uses any other  
19 criminally unlawful means to solicit or cause any person  
20 under 18 years of age to join, or deter any person under 18  
21 years of age from leaving, any organization or association  
22 regardless of the nature of such organization or association  
23 is guilty of a Class 1 felony.

24 (b) Compelling organization membership of persons within  
25 a school, on the real property comprising a school, or in a  
26 conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school to  
27 transport students to or from school or a school related  
28 activity is a Class 3 felony for a first offense, a Class 1  
29 felony for a second offense, and a Class X felony for a third  
30 or subsequent offense if the defendant is under 18 years of  
31 age at the time of the offense. If the defendant is 18 years

1 of age or older at the time of the offense, the penalty for  
2 violating this subsection (b) is a Class 2 felony for a first  
3 offense, a Class 1 felony for a second offense, and a Class X  
4 felony for a third or subsequent offense.

5 (c) A person convicted of an offense under this Section  
6 shall not be eligible to receive a sentence of probation,  
7 conditional discharge, or periodic imprisonment.

8 (d) In this Section, "school" means a public or private  
9 elementary or secondary school, community college, college,  
10 or university.

11 (Source: P.A. 91-696, eff. 4-13-00.)